

Godfrey A. Rockefeller

Godfrey Anderson Rockefeller, Sr. (May 22, 1924 – January 22, 2010) was an American aviator. He was the eldest son of [Godfrey Stillman Rockefeller](#) (1899–1983) and Helen Gratz. He is best known for his environmental interests and role in the [World Wildlife Fund](#).

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Early life

Godfrey Anderson Rockefeller was born on May 22, 1924, in [New York City](#) to [Godfrey Stillman Rockefeller](#) (1899–1983) and Helen Gratz. He attended [Phillips Academy Andover](#)^[1] and later [Yale University](#), at the same time as family friend [George H. W. Bush](#),^[1]

Career

He joined the [United States Marine Corps](#) and served in both [World War II](#) and the [Korean War](#), achieving the rank of Major Aviator Pilot.^[2]

Godfrey spent 25 years in the commercial helicopter industry, working for [Bell Helicopters](#) as Chief Pilot; Peter Wright, Sr. recalled that he once landed a 32-foot (9.8 m) Bell 47 on a 40-foot (12 m) wide tennis court "because he did not want to ruin the lawn!"^[2] He was president and chairman of the [Helicopter Association of America](#), now known as the [Helicopter Association International](#), in 1968, and also belonged to the [American Helicopter Society](#), being a member since 1952 and belonging to its Gold Circle Club.^[2]

Rockefeller "played an important role in the founding and creation" of the [World Wildlife Fund](#), which included "hiring the first staff and chief scientist",^[3] and later served as its executive director from 1972 to 1978. From 1977 to 2006 he served on the board of directors and the National Council of the WWF.^[3]

From 1981 to 1990, he was chairman of the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#),^[4] and after that chairman emeritus. Rockefeller owned a home on [Gibson Island](#) in [Maryland](#) and was keenly interested in the preservation of the failing [Chesapeake Bay](#). Following his unexpected death on January 22, 2010, at the St. Andrew's Club in [Delray Beach, Florida](#), where he also owned a home, the Gibson Island community honored him by flying their flag at [half-mast](#).^[2]

Personal life

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Godfrey's first marriage to Constance Hamilton Wallace ended in divorce. He was then married to Margaret "Margo" Kuhn Rockefeller for fifty three years; she died in 2009, a year before his death.^[2] He is survived by four children and several grandchildren.

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